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ON THE FIELD WITH JOSH & TAYLA

Tonight we decided to go to the market and take the children so they could spend their allowance on toys, snacks or whatever they wanted. Some of the younger boys pulled me aside to show me a toy car that had sirens and even a small motor that made it spin. They were very excited and I could tell that they wanted to buy it. This car was not in good shape, and I am sure it would break on the very first time someone actually played with it, but they still wanted it.

I asked how much it was and found out that it was more expensive than they could afford, so I told them to save their money and maybe next week they could buy it. They seemed OK with my answer and we all went on about our business, however when we got home and everyone was eating dinner, I found the smallest boy outside, hiding and crying. Please remember that he did not cry at the market, he did not throw a tantrum, he simply walked home with the rest of us.

When I found him, my heart broke and now all I can think of is "Why did I not buy it for him?" I guess my answer is

"The joy of brightening other lives, bearing others' burdens, easing other's loads and supplanting empty hearts and lives with generous gifts becomes for us the magic of Christmas."

~W. C. Jones



that I didn't want him to become spoiled, but that doesn't seem good enough. This poor little boy has been abandoned by his family, barely brought anything with him, and I am telling him to "save his money." I eventually told him that if he saved his money this week and helped Josh around the *Good Life Home* that I would help him to get his toy.

It is so sad to me that kids here are playing with toys and are so happy to have toys that many children would not even touch. They are excited when they have saved enough allowance to buy a small radio that gets one station and costs about 25 cents. They are more than happy to ride a bike that may have no seat, no brakes, no handlebars or pedals that are only spokes sticking out of the frame.

I wish more people could see those faces. Those sad little faces, that really have a reason to be sad, and it takes nearly nothing to make that face light up like a Christmas tree. I wish more people would take time out of their day to think about how blessed they are. And that it takes so little to make a huge change in someone else's life. For me this time, it will only cost about 75 cents.



Touching Lives, Building Futures

Take a look at what WE can do together this Holiday Season

east timor

Our director Mateus in East Timor reports on how they are doing in the village of Lique DOE. Even though these are some of the happiest children we know some of their situations are not happy. Like Filipe, in the village he has no father, one brother and a sister. He tells Mateus that many days they have no breakfast and maybe lunch or dinner will be corn or cassava root. One of the children said, "We go to the **Serving Our World** project and get to eat together with my friends until full." "I'd be happy if we could have some blessing at Christmas."

The children do not know life any other way and would never be able to imagine that their lives could be different. That is why we would love to celebrate with them this Christmas by sharing gifts and a big banquet dinner to show them how much we love them. As we go, let us take with, your heart of compassion and your help. We can make those sweet, precious faces light up and bring happiness to those in need. One of the greatest gifts at this time of year is what we can give. Thank you for opening your heart to the poor and lighting up this season for children.



The Right Time

Yes in just two months Christmas will be here! Join **Serving Our World** this year to bring the life changing message and the supplies these remote children and families desperately need. Cost for each location is **\$5500** but that will affect **2000** lives!

**Bringing Joy
this Season!**



Both in Thailand and East Timor we are believing to host outreaches that will not just impact the children and their families, but will include the whole village to celebrate Christmas!

These celebrations might only last one day but your part can last a lifetime through the message of Love that will go out to those who gather. You can be the one that will make it all happen for someone else this Season!

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Message from the founder

Let me share with you this month one supporter's thoughts for the poor.

It is pre-eminent in my life and not a day goes by that I am not focused on the fact that I can eat when others can not, or that I have a closet full of clothes when others live without. Not to say that I feel guilty, but blessed. But I can not live my life for myself, the fact remains that there are children counting on Someone. Anyone.

I will gladly lift up my hand and say LOUDLY, I will . . . Gladly, I can!!! Although the sun may set when we least expect, I want my labors to count for good, and a legacy left of giving to those that were hungry and forgotten!